

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But now Sinclair's owners are blatantly using their stations for propaganda purposes, airing a biased and irreputable attack piece on presidential candidate John Kerry. This is not in the public interest, nor is it fair and objective news reporting.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.